

## **REQUEST –**

Dear Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime,

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## **RESPONSE –**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20 January to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC), set out below:

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I confirm that I am replying to this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Not all complaints about the police are dealt with by the relevant police force. When the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) receive a referral, they will consider the matter and any other information available. Having taken into account the seriousness of the case and the public interest, they will then decide on the method of investigation.

There are four types of investigation

- local investigation
- supervised investigation
- managed investigation
- independent investigation

When the complaint has been identified as suitable for local investigation it will be referred to the relevant police force to carry out the investigation. The complainant will have a right of appeal to the IPCC. The IPCC have greater input in the management/supervision of the other 3 modes of investigation.

You can read more about the process here:

<https://www.ipcc.gov.uk/complaints>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/how-we-work/freedom-of-information>